

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1930

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Marshall, D.W.

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Animal abuser registry established.

5. Summary: Defines 'animal abuser' as an adult who has been convicted of a felony violation of § 3.2-6570 (cruelty to animals) or 3.2-6571 (animal fighting) or of a substantially similar law of another state or of the United States and requires any animal abuser physically within the boundaries of the Commonwealth for more than 10 consecutive days to register in person with the sheriff of the county or city in which the animal abuser resides or is located. The bill also requires the offender to reregister annually. Failure to register or reregister is a Class 6 felony. The bill requires the sheriff to notify every residence and business within a one-half mile radius of the abuser's residence or location within 10 days of initial registration. The bill requires that registry information be maintained in a central registry by the State Police and posted on their website.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Items 380 and 407.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission, the proposed legislation would impact state correctional beds by 2 beds by fiscal year 2017. Consistent with the requirements of §30-19.1:4, Code of Virginia, the \$49,321 calculation should be appropriated in the Department of Corrections in fiscal year 2012 if this bill is passed. The Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission also stated that the proposal would impact local jail beds by less than a bed by fiscal year 2017.

In addition, the Department of State Police estimates that about \$986,000 is needed to design and develop a new registry and website and an additional \$126,411 each year to support a position.

The cost to local law enforcement agencies is not known at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Departments of Corrections and State Police, local law enforcement agencies.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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